

# The RELIEF

(Recovery  
for the Economy,  
Livelihoods,  
Industries,  
Entrepreneurs,  
and Families)

## Act of 2021



Governor Hogan's **RELIEF Act of 2021** is an emergency legislative package that proposes more than \$1 billion in critically-needed relief to Marylanders and Maryland businesses still struggling due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation builds on more than \$700 million in economic relief already announced. Immediate passage of this legislation is critical to be able to help Maryland working families, small businesses, and those who have lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### What the Bill does:

- **Provides direct stimulus payments for 400,000 low-to-moderate income Marylanders**, with benefits of up to \$750 for families and \$450 for individuals. (\$270 million)
- **Repeals all state and local income taxes on unemployment benefits incurred in CY 2020 going forward**, providing further support and assistance for Marylanders who have lost their jobs. (\$180 million).
- A \$300 million commitment to **supporting 55,000 small businesses with sales tax credits** of up to \$3,000 per month for four months—for a total of up to \$12,000. (\$300 million)
- **Extends unemployment tax relief for small businesses**, staving off sudden and substantial tax hikes in 2021. This provision codifies an emergency order the governor issued last month. (\$218 million)
- The RELIEF Act's **loan and grant forgiveness plan** would safeguard Maryland business owners against any tax increase triggered by the use of state loan or grant funds. This relief would come at a net zero cost to the state while saving businesses an estimated \$40 million.

For more information on the Act or to support this effort, please reach out to [Ali Keane](#) in the Governor's legislative office.



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